

## AMENDMENTS

### Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1.-73. (Cancelled)

74. (Currently amended) An isolated and purified ~~The~~ polynucleotide ~~of claim 2,~~ comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:2.

75. (Currently amended) The polynucleotide of claim ~~74~~ 5, comprising SEQ ID NO:1.

76. (Currently amended) An ~~The~~ expression vector comprising a ~~of claim 12, wherein the~~ nucleic acid sequence that encodes SEQ ID NO:2.

77. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim ~~76~~ 45, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

78. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ recombinant host cell comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a ~~of claim 26, wherein the~~ polypeptide that comprises SEQ ID NO:2.

79. (Currently amended) The recombinant host cell of claim ~~78~~ 29, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

80. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ method of preparing a recombinant polypeptide comprising:  
(a) transfecting a cell with a polynucleotide comprising a ~~of claim 33, wherein the~~  
nucleic acid sequence that encodes SEQ ID NO:2 to produce a transformed host  
cell; and  
(b) maintaining the transformed host cell under biological conditions sufficient for  
expression of the polypeptide in the host cell.

81. (Currently amended) The method of claim 80 36, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1.